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SUBJECT: NEW CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS - SAG TO EXTEND SENATE
TO JUNE 30, 1980

REF: (A) CAPE TOWN A-20 (NOTAL), (B) 77 CAPE TOWN A-194,

1. THE SAG INTRODUCED A BILL IN PARLIAMENT THIS WEEK WHICH
WILL EXTEND THE PERIOD OF OFFICE OF SENATORS TO JUNE 30, 1980.
WITHOUT THE EXTENSION, CURRENT SENATE TERMS WOULD HAVE EXPIRED
IN JUNE, 1979.

2. IN TERMS OF SAG'S NEW CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS (REF B)
SENATE IS TO BE ABOLISHED AND THREE UNICAMERAL PARLIAMENTS
FORMED. DECISION TO EXTEND PRESENT SENATE TO MID-1980 IS AT
VARIANCE WITH COMMENTS MADE BY DEFENSE MINISTER P.W. BOTHA IN
MARCH (REF A) THAT LEGISLATION WOULD BE INTRODUCED TO
TERMINATE SENATE EXISTANCE BEFORE END OF 1979. SAG HAS
BEEN VAGUE ON WHEN NEW SYSTEM WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED. PM
VORSTER TOLD ASSEMBLY IN JANUARY SAG HAD HOPE TO INTRODUCE
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THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION NEXT YEAR WHILE PLURAL RELATIONS
MINISTER CONNIE MULDER HAD INDICATED PUBLICLY NEW SYSTEM
MIGHT NOT BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL 1980.

3. DECISION TO EXTEND RATHER THAN ABOLISH IT LEAVES
SAG'S OPTIONS OPEN. IF NEW CONSTITUTIONAL SCHEME READY FOR
IMPLEMENTATION BY MID-1980, SENATE CAN BE ALLOWED TO EXPIRE.

IF NOT, SAG CAN, AT APPROPRIATE TIME, OPT FOR ANOTHER EXTENSION.

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